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1. European AIDS Treatment Group

Special, 2005

Introduction

The European AIDS Treatment Group is a European network of nationally based volunteer activists comprising over 110 members from 40 countries in Europe. Our members are representatives of different communities and countries affected by HIV/AIDS in Europe. Since its foundation, the Group has represented and defended the treatment-related interests of people living with HIV/AIDS. Its activities focus on treatment literacy and treatment advocacy. In responding to HIV, the Group considers diseases frequently seen as co-infection in people with HIV, as well as other health issues that increase the risk of HIV of prime importance. In the past few years, the Group has increased its activities on co-infections, such as hepatitis C, hepatitis B and tuberculosis. The primary geographic focus is member States served by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. However, the European AIDS Treatment Group considers all potential opportunities for collaboration and support for similar efforts in other parts of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the European AIDS Treatment Group focus on treatment literacy and treatment advocacy. A major goal for the Group when it was founded in 1992 was the simultaneous development of therapies in Europe, including not only antiretroviral therapies, but also treatments for opportunistic infections and other AIDS-related conditions. Gaining access to the best available treatments is a major goal of the Group. This includes access for all people who could benefit from the treatment, including so-called "sub-populations" such as drug users, women, children, migrants, people with hepatitis or tuberculosis coinfection, with haemophilia and others; access for patients in all stages of HIV infection (including first-line, salvage); and access to treatment in all European countries (according to the WHO definition of the European region).

Significant changes in the organization

The European AIDS Treatment Group has managed to develop a model of an organization that covers three very different areas of expertise: advocacy; research; and education. It has also been able to effect political change at every level from local grass roots to European and global entities. One critical development has been the inclusion of hepatitis C virus and tuberculosis coinfections in its work. Its work on hepatitis C virus and the meetings held in Sitges, Spain, have been invaluable in advocating for more research on the hepatitis C virus and among HIV-positive patients.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Collaboration between the European AIDS Treatment Group and the United Nations is mainly through the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The Group has a representative within the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board who works on issues of human rights and funding for HIV treatment as prevention, among others. One of the members of the Group has been

taking part in the response to HIV of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights.

The Group co-chairs the Civil Society Forum on HIV. The meetings of the Forum include updates from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, UNAIDS and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, as well as reports on the work of the European Union Presidencies on HIV/AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Group participated in the 33rd UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board pre-meetings and Board meeting from 2009 to 2012, and the UNAIDS Reference Group meeting on HIV and Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Group collaborates mostly with UNAIDS. On 20 September 2012, the Group, together with Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and the European AIDS Treatment Group, held an HIV criminalization seminar in Berlin. The event, supported in part by the HIV in Europe Initiative, brought together civil society advocates from across Europe and Central Asia with human rights experts, prosecutors, clinicians, parliamentarians and representatives of UNAIDS and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goa.

Most of the activities of the Group are linked to the Millennium Development Goals as it focuses on (the lack of) access to treatment, care, testing and prevention. One example was the satellite connection it organized on 17 July 2011 for the sixth International AIDS Society conference on HIV pathogenesis, treatment and prevention, held in Rome, on the theme "Controlling the epidemic: the promise of antiretroviral-based prevention," to which UNAIDS was invited as a guest speaker.

2. Generations United

Special, 2005

Introduction

Generations United is the oldest and largest international membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational strategies, programmes and policies. The organization represents more than 100 international, national, State and local organizations representing more than 70 million Americans. It is the only organization advocating for the mutual well-being of children, youth and older adults.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Generations United serves as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic, social and personal imperatives of intergenerational cooperation. Through its publications, website, programme database and expert

training, Generations United provides a forum for those working with children, youth and older adults to explore areas of common ground while celebrating the richness of each generation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Based on the 2009 Intergenerational Solidarity expert group meeting New York, Generations United published a book chapter in the publication *Intergenerational Solidarity: Strengthening Economic and Social Ties* in 2010; the book was translated into Spanish in 2011. The organization also provided advice on intergenerational practices to the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre, the Korea Association of Senior Welfare Centers (Republic of Korea) and the Koerber Foundation (Germany).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, Generations United collaborated with other NGOs one of three background papers on the subject "Policies and programmes supporting intergenerational relations" to be featured in the upcoming observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2014).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Supporting the Millennium Development Goals is woven throughout all of the work of Generations United. In 2012, the organization published "Hunger and Nutrition in America: What's at Stake for Children, Families and Older Adults." The organization's Seniors4Kids initiative advocated for investments in preschool education, children's health programmes and school breakfast and lunch programmes.

3. Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society

Special, 2005

Introduction

The international public organization, Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society, is the oldest non-governmental organization in Russia, established in 1882. The Society is historically compatible with countries and nations of the Middle East and the Mediterranean region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aims and objectives of the Society is the establishment and development of humanitarian, cultural, scientific, religious and social relations with

the peoples of the Middle East and North Africa, the preservation of the Orthodox cultural heritage and the development of relations between Russia and the countries of the Middle East region, and the contribution of Orthodox pilgrimage. To achieve its objectives, the Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society uses the opportunities and potential of its branches in the region. In June 2012, in celebration of its 130th anniversary in Russia and abroad, a large international exhibition was held at the Central Exhibition Hall in Moscow with the participation of famous Russian museums, the Russian Orthodox Church and foreign experts. Thematic seminars, lectures and cultural exchanges were also held in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society helped build the Jericho Russian Museum and park complex (in Palestine) with archaeological exhibits, and the Centre for Science and Culture of the Russian Federation in Bethlehem (Palestine), and started construction of secondary schools for Orthodox Arabs. The Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society undertook humanitarian work in support of the people of the Syrian Arab Republic, distributing 70 tons of food, medicine and school supplies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Society's activities help achieve the Millennium Development Goals through educational programmes and the construction of secondary schools in the Middle East region, and the preservation of cultural heritage and strengthening of friendly relations with the peoples of the Middle East and the Mediterranean. In the past three years, the Society provided support for building the Centre for Science and Culture in Palestine. The Society regularly sends Russian teachers to local secondary schools. The Society actively carries out humanitarian projects in the region, including in the Syrian Arab Republic, sending modern medical equipment to the Central Hospital of Damascus (such as defibrillators, ventilators, neonatal incubators, wheelchairs and medical supplies). The Society also sent planes to deliver blankets and other basic necessities to Syrians who lost their homes.

4. Innu Council of Nitassinan (Innu Nation)

Special, 1997

Introduction

Innu Council of Nitassinan (Innu Nation) is an international body representing the 20,000 Innu found in 11 communities of eastern Quebec and Labrador (Canada).

Aims and purposes of the organization

To advocate, promote and support the work of all Innu organizations aimed at advancing the economic, social and cultural rights of the Innu at all levels through representation, lobbying and negotiations at the domestic and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Innu Council of Nitassinan has been an active participant in the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and was an active member of the Indigenous Team during the negotiations of the Nagoya Protocol. The Innu Council of Nitassinan was the first indigenous organization from Canada to have translated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into the Innu indigenous language.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Innu Council of Nitassinan attended meetings of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Innu Council of Nitassinan participated in the negotiations leading to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (Convention on Biological Diversity). In Montreal, through the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Innu Council of Nitassinan was an active indigenous participant in the negotiations leading to the Agreement on the Nagoya Protocol.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through public education and publications, and with local, regional and national media in Canada, the Council communicates with and educates people in its indigenous language about the importance of the work of the United Nations with respect to the Millennium Development Goals.

5. Institute for War and Peace Reporting

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting gives voice to people at the frontlines of conflict, crisis and change. From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, the Institute helps people in the world's most challenging environments gain access to the information they need to drive positive changes in their lives by holding governments to account, demanding constructive solutions, strengthening civil society and securing human rights. Amid war, dictatorship and political transition, the Institute forges the skills and capacity of local journalism, strengthens local media institutions, and engages with civil society and governments to ensure that information achieves impact.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute contributes to fundamental transformation in areas of conflict and crisis, launching projects with quick impact while strategizing for long-term engagement, bringing in multiple donors and often establishing sustainable local institutions. The core pillars of its work are promoting free expression, strengthening accountability, and building inclusive societies. Thematic streams include conflict-sensitive reporting, women's rights and journalism, reporting on human rights and justice, youth education, election coverage in the context of societies in conflict post-conflict situations, and governance and transparency, including policy reform. Activities include training, reporting, capacity-building, policy and advocacy. By democratizing the flow of information and providing people with the opportunity to have their voices heard, the Institute contributes to the core United Nations objectives of peace, equitable development, human rights and equality.

Significant changes in the organization

Over the past four years, the Institute has significantly expanded its remit. The organization is now active in more than three dozen countries around the world, from Latin America to Asia, from the Balkans and Eurasia to the Islamic Republic of Iran, from the Middle East and North Africa to the Great Lakes Region and elsewhere in Africa. The Institute has also extended its core work with local journalists to significant engagement with civil society organizations, enhancing their capacity and strengthening their voices, as well as those of citizen journalists and others seeking to be heard. The Institute is also increasingly working directly with governments, where appropriate, to support reform of media policy and legal frameworks, and assisting in strengthening transparency, accountability and good governance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute cooperates regularly with multilateral organizations, particularly the United Nations. For example, the Institute has been a longstanding partner of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the authoritative Refworld publication, which aims to promote better informed decision-making in the field of refugee claims and asylum procedures. The Institute also

frequently works with United Nations missions, recently cooperating closely with the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Yemen and the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. The Institute is working closely with the United Nations on a major programme to reform media policy in Rwanda and in Iraq, and has also worked closely with the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Institute has had a longstanding relationship with the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to support the work of the Tribunal since its very establishment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Institute regularly attend meetings of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris on freedom of expression and cooperative initiatives to strengthen citizens' voices and the media in developing and transitional societies, such as recent meetings on changes in the Middle East and the North Africa region.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Institute works closely with numerous United Nations bodies. These include, in particular, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, now part of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). The Institute often cooperates and coordinates media development and capacity-building programming in conflict and transitional societies with UNESCO and UNDP. Through its work in conflict areas, the Institute strengthens the capacity of local journalists to report sensitively and accurately on refugees and internally displaced persons, frequently engaging with UNHCR for training and information and as a source for in-depth reporting that highlights the issue and the work of the agency. The Institute maintains a strong commitment to women's programming, and liaises with UN-Women in many areas.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute undertakes a range of programming to strengthen the voices of women across the Middle East, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Africa and Asia. This includes the provision of training, direct support, and assistance in employment and strengthening their roles within existing institutions. The Institute also supports advocacy on women's empowerment and equality, directly contributing to Millennium Development Goal 3. The overarching work of the Institute on peacebuilding and confidence-building through the strengthening of citizens' voices addresses violent conflict, which is one of the core causes of poverty, degradation, human rights abuses, inequality, violence against women and environmental damage.

6. International Federation of Women in Legal Careers

Special, 1961

Introduction

The International Federation of Women in Legal Careers is an NGO of women jurists that was founded in Paris in 1928 with the aim of fighting for the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women and promoting their human rights. It has representatives in North and Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia. The Federation collaborates with UNESCO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the Federation are inspired by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, since they are consecrated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

The Federation aims to: promote the above-mentioned fundamental principles; encourage and help its members in their activities with parliaments, governments or other competent authorities, as well as in public opinion, in order to have the above-mentioned principles embodied in national legislation and applied at a practical level in the judicial system and in social administration; assemble information about the juridical, social and economic status of women all over the world and to study laws affecting that status; promote the establishment of friendship and unity among its members, as well as with other international jurist associations; and contribute to the promotion of peace in the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Federation organized events on the following themes: in 2009, on the "Right to peace;" in 2010, on "Migrant Women;" in 2011, on "Women's human rights; hunger for Justice;" and in 2012, on "Peace: guarantee of human rights."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation participated in the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women: 2009, fifty-third; 2010, fifty-fourth; 2011, fifty-fifth; and 2012, fifty-sixth. It also organized side events at those meetings and participated in side events organized by other NGOs. The Federation participated in the following sessions of the Commission for Social Development: forty-seventh in 2009; forty-eighth in 2010; forty-ninth in 2011; and fiftieth in 2012. It also attended conferences at FAO during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Federation has organized its agenda with the intention of promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, always with the guidance of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. In this regard, its members have campaigned for the ratification of the Optional Protocol. Although the principles of the Federation are in harmony with all the Millennium Development Goals and the outlines of the Convention, they are especially in line with Goal 3: to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

7. Kuwait Information Technology Society

Special, 2005

Introduction

Kuwait Information Technology Society is a non-governmental organization, established in Kuwait on 7 March 1982.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Society aims to: contribute to the scientific and technical progress in computer applications in Kuwait and the world; develop the professional and scientific level of those working in the computer field; step up cooperation and exchange of expertise among computer staff in various technical, scientific and professional aspects; and extend counsel in the field of computers to individuals, companies, and public establishments and agencies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the activities of the Kuwait Information Technology Society focused on Internet governance. It participated in meetings of the Internet Governance Forum, including: in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, in 2009; in Lithuania in 2010, in Kenya in 2011; and in Azerbaijan in 2012. It continued to be a member of the Internet Governance Forum Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, which is appointed by the Secretary-General. The role of the Advisory Group is to set the agenda for and establish the structure of the meetings of the Internet Governance Forum. The Society participated in all the meetings and open consultations of the Advisory Group held between 2009 and 2012 in Geneva.

During the open consultations held in Geneva in February 2011, the Society worked with other stakeholders to reflect the impact of the "Arab Spring" on the programme of the sixth meeting of the Internet Governance Forum, held in Nairobi, and was successful in including the theme of "the Internet as the catalyst for

change". At the seventh meeting of the Internet Governance Forum, held in Baku, the Society was the working group coordinator for Internet Governance for Development, which was responsible for setting the themes and sub-themes of the session, proposing and choosing the list of panellists, moderators and conducting the session orientation.

At the regional level, the Society actively participated in an expert group meeting on the need for an Arab Internet Governance Forum. The meeting, which was organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), was held in October 2010. The meeting outcome focused on a call to Arab governments and stakeholders to support and endorse the Arab Internet Governance Forum. The Arab communication ministers noted this call and requested an open consultation. The Society played a major role in sponsoring and organizing the open consultations which took place in Beirut in January 2012, and it successfully chaired and hosted the First Arab Internet Governance Forum in Kuwait from 9 to 11 October 2012 under the umbrella of the League of Arab States and ESCWA. For the second meeting of the Arab Internet Governance Forum, the Society continued to chair the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group of the Arab Internet Governance Forum (up to the present).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Internet Governance Forum open consultations and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group meetings, Geneva (February 2009, May 2009, February 2010, May 2010, February 2011, May 2011, February 2012 and May 2012).
- Internet Governance Forum meetings (Sharm El Sheikh 2009, Lithuania 2010, Kenya 2011 and Baku 2012)
- World Summit on the Information Society cluster events in Geneva (May 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Society cooperates with the IGF secretariat at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and with ESCWA.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters is the only professional organization concerned with burns and fire disasters in the world with accreditation at the United Nations. It is guided by the spirit, mission and action of the United Nations in its international scientific and humanitarian work, and supports the tenets of the United Nations in every way.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary aim of this (NGO)is to promote and ensure high quality and equitable care for patients who have extensive burns, for societies and communities that have suffered fire disasters, and for victims of toxic explosions, nuclear accidents and complex emergencies, in the spirit of alleviating suffering and strengthening international cooperation. It also promotes fire prevention and safety at home and at work, and introduces appropriate technology, especially in developing countries. The Council is a highly professional scientific group, that is grounded in solid technical work but that has a social conscience, which expects that such work should promote the well-being of all people, based on the health, humanitarian, scientific and peace-promoting principles of the United Nations and of WHO. It is in appreciation of those values that WHO has already redesignated this organization as a "WHO Collaborating Centre" for the next four years. This is an important recognition of the professional activities that have been promoted until this point in time.

Significant changes in the organization

The general assembly of the Council, held on 2 April 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey, approved the change of name of the association to the Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The *Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters*, the official organ of the Council, has appeared regularly as a quarterly from 1987 with an average run of over 3,200 copies per issue. The publication includes a section on WHO and the United Nations, which is an instrument of dissemination of important information regarding those organizations, as well as the *Journal of Humanitarian Medicine*, the only journal in the sector. Both publications are listed in Pub Med and Scopus and are present in the Alexandrine Library in Alexandria (Egypt) and in the United States National Library of Medicine.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Council has regularly attended sessions of the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. It has also regularly attended the annual sessions of the World Health Assembly and the WHO Executive Board during the reporting period. United Nations and WHO officials are always invited to the Council's conferences.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council works closely with WHO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2009 to 2011, the Council collaborated with the International Association for Humanitarian Medicine to carry out a project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo called "Développement d'un Centre spécialisé pour la réduction de la mortalité et de l'invalidité causées par les brûlures en âge pédiatrique" (Development of a specialized centre for the reduction of paediatric

morbidity and mortality from burns). It also opened a 10-bed capacity Paediatric Burn Unit in the Mont-Amba Hospital of the Kinshasa University Hospital, and constructed a 'multimedia classroom' for the training of doctors and paramedical staff. The Council also created a technical/professional training course for clinicians who work in 24 other hospitals and first aid posts in the province of Kinshasa. An education prevention campaign was launched with the distribution of illustrative teaching materials to treat the most frequent types of burn injuries in this area. The medical and training staff of the Council worked for more than 150 hours for the completion of teaching courses and surgical activities in the area.

9. National Association of Cuban Economists

Special, 1997

Introduction

The National Association of Cuban Economists is a Cuban non-governmental organization founded on 14 June 1979. It is made up of a National Committee of 75 members elected in Congress every five years, with a National Executive Council and Provincial Committees with their corresponding Councils in the 14 provinces of the country, as well as 169 Committees in Municipalities and 4,743 grass-roots sections that include more than 79,565 associated members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association has 17 Scientific Societies in which the affiliated members take part according to their specialty and professional interest. The Association is completely self-financed. Its members pay a monthly fee, and through its Consultancy Enterprise, technical, economic, and accounting advice is offered by more than 1,290 consultants (80 per cent of whom are retirees). This Consultancy provides the Association with the necessary financial means for its performance. Among its main objectives are promoting professional upgrading and increasing the knowledge of all the workers connected with the economic established practice, to provide advice and training, and to maintain relations with professionals and international institutions linked to the economy, giving special emphasis to participation in those work groups concerning the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Worked on the international workshop for international experience in cooperatives organized with UNDP in Cuba.
- Promoted United Nations aims.
- Provided priority to issues related to ageing population and the struggle against corruption in the Association's forums, scientific congress and conferences.

- Organized the XI and XII International Congress on Globalization and Development on economic issues with the participation of more than 60 countries, nine Nobel Laureates, 25 world and regional organizations, and five heads of State.
- Edited a book on international economic performance from 2000 to 2011 in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- Provided assistance to the VII Ministerial Conference of World Commerce Organizations, which recognized the National Association of Cuban Economists as an NGO that is capable of assisting at those conferences.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Association attended the Human Rights Council in Geneva in February 2009 as an observer. Its delegation participated in a panel that denounced the economic war waged by the United States of America against Cuba. In June 2009, the same delegation presented a statement at the general meeting.
- The Association attended the 30th session of ECLAC, held in Brazil in May 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Association has regular contacts with UNDP FAO and the World Bank.
- In collaboration with UNDP, the Association is developing projects on cooperatives and local development in Cuba.
- The Association developed, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a programme on HIV/AIDS in Cuba.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- A delegation of the Association participated in an international workshop about the Earth in Evián, France, in 2011.

10. Widows Rights International

Special, 2001

Introduction

The main activities of Widows Rights International aim to campaign for widows' rights in the international arena, and provide widows' groups, widows' activists, lawyers and others concerned with women's rights with an information platform.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to eradicate harmful cultural practices and their modern manifestations which deeply hinder the lives of widows and their children in most countries in Africa and abrogate their rights. The organization also works to

ensure that governments adhere to their international obligations to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of the work of the United Nations, the organization lobbies ministers from the Commonwealth's 54 member States to raise awareness of the mistreatment and lack of rights of widows and their girl children, and that governments are not implementing their commitments under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and other human rights conventions. The organization also raises those issues at other international forums which they attend. During the reporting period, trustees of the organization made various presentations to: (a) Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conferences in 2011 and 2012; (b) the Commonwealth Law Conference on "Widows Rights are Human Rights" in 2012; (c) the International Symposium on Women as Agents of Change sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Foreign Press Association in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2012; (d) the seminar on the theme "Windows on Widows" at the United Kingdom House of Lords attended by the Minister of State for International Development in 2012; and (e) the International Federation of Women Lawyers (United Kingdom) Conference on: the impact of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women on women's rights in the new world order.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

When funds permit, the organization attends the sessions of the Commission on the Status on Women and other United Nations entities such as the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Over the past four years, the organization has co-sponsored with other international NGOs side events during the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status on Women at which panels of speakers from several countries decried the continuing lack of government action to end the abuses that widows suffer. The organization also issues an annual statement at the Commission on the Status on Women on the situation facing widows.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization followed the meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2012 and circulated the recommendations and relevant reports to its partner organizations in Africa and South Asia. It also circulated all statements about widows and human rights made by the Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General of UN-Women, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. Women and Memory Forum

Special, 2009

Introduction

Founded in 1995 in Egypt, the Women and Memory Forum is composed of a group of women academics, researchers and activists concerned about the negative representations and perceptions of Arab women in the cultural sphere. Dominant cultural views and images of Arab women constitute a major stumbling block in the course of women's development and the attainment of their rights. The Forum believes that one of the main obstacles facing Arab women now is the scarcity of alternative cultural information and knowledge about the role of women in history and in contemporary society. The group decided to attain a formal status in order to advocate and promote the integration of gender as a category of analysis in the study and interpretation of Arab history and the social sciences in general. The long-term objective of the specialized research of the Forum is to produce and make available alternative cultural information about Arab women that can be used for raising awareness and empowering women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum looks forward to a society in which justice and equal opportunities for men and women prevail; a vibrant society capable of constantly producing alternative knowledge in order to reshape power relations within the different social structures in such a way that would support and maintain human dignity in the face of all forms of discrimination. In order to accomplish its vision, the Forum adopts a gender-based cultural mission. Through this mission, it aims to contribute effectively to the production and dissemination of alternative knowledge concerning women in the Arab region. It also aims at re-reading Arab tradition and cultural history in order to create a new cultural and social awareness that is supportive of women's social and intellectual roles in the face of dominant negative stereotypes. The Forum aims at accomplishing a major goal, namely, to support and empower women through the production and dissemination of alternative knowledge.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Women and Memory Forum, through its work on gender and research, has contributed to the work of the United Nations by focusing on advancing the cause of women's political empowerment and leadership in Egypt. Indeed, the Forum was awarded a grant from the UN-Women Fund for Gender Equality to further this work on women's empowerment in the political sphere.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Forum attended the following meetings: the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1-12 March 2010, New York; Department of Public Information/NGO United Nations briefing session at the United Nations, 4 March 2010, on "Equal Rights Equal Opportunities — Progress for All: Arab

Women 15 Years after Beijing;" and the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 27 February to 9 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Forum was awarded a grant from the UN-Women Fund for Gender Equality grant to further its work on women's empowerment in the political sphere. The Forum attended many meetings at the national level at UN-Women in Cairo.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Forum has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals through its work to empower women and promote gender equality in Egypt. The Forum has contributed to leading work on gender in the new Egyptian Constitution and to forming a coalition of feminist NGOs to apply pressure to include gender equality in the Egyptian constitution. In addition, the organization would have been able to contribute more to the implementation of United Nations programmes had there not been political instability in Egypt and the difficulty for NGOs to do their work.

12. Women for Women's Human Rights — New Ways

Special, 2005

Introduction

Women for Women's Human Rights — New Ways, an independent women's non-governmental organization, was founded in 1993. Through two decades of persistent activism, advocacy and networking, the organization has contributed to various legal reforms in Turkey, the advancement of sexual and bodily rights in Muslim societies and the promotion of women's human rights at the United Nations level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote women's human rights at the local, national, regional and international levels, enabling women to become active agents in the process for social change, democratization and peace. The organization has an integrative approach towards the issue of women's human rights, taking into consideration the connections among various issues relevant to women (i.e., violence against women, economic rights, legal rights, sexuality, fertility rights, and rights of girl children).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization initiated and co-coordinated the NGO shadow report preparation process for the sixth periodic country review of Turkey under the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; the prepared text was compiled by a coalition of 20 women's and lesbian, gay, bisexual

and transgender NGOs and endorsed by six nationwide women's coalitions. A representative of the organization attended the pre-session meeting and presented a short summary of the report to the Committee in July 2009. In July 2010, an NGO delegation, co-coordinated by the organization, was present to advocate to the Committee and government officials from Turkey in the official review. During the session, the delegation also held a press and publicity campaign highlighting women's demands in Turkey. Following the review, the organization coordinated activities to raise awareness and make utmost use of the review process for advocacy at the national level.

The organization prepared an NGO shadow report on the current situation in Turkey for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its meeting held in May 2011 in Geneva. The report was undersigned by 20 NGOs from Turkey, as the report was the first shadow report prepared by women's organizations in Turkey for the initial review of Turkey under the review process of the Economic and Social Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The fifty-third session of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, 2-13 March 2009, New York; organized a parallel event on the theme "Reconciliation of work and family life for the equal sharing of responsibilities: case studies from an international research" and participated in the Government delegation of Turkey;
- The fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1-12 March 2010, New York; coordinated an NGO delegation from Turkey and participated in the Government delegation of Turkey;
- The fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 22 February to 4 March 2011, New York; participated in the Government delegation of Turkey and co-organized a panel discussion on sexual and bodily rights in Muslim societies;
- The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 27 February to 9 March 2012, New York; participated in the Government delegation of Turkey.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was selected to serve in the Special United Nations Task Force on the International Conference on Population and Development plus 20 and the Millennium Development Goals plus 15 in 2012 and attended several of their meetings.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization spearheaded the foundation in 2012 of a working group of NGOs working in the sphere of sexual and reproductive health and rights (in Turkey, including the Turkey Family Planning Association, the Human Resource Development Foundation, the Willows Foundation, academicians and social workers. The group was formed to work on national and international level advocacy on International Conference on Population and Development plus

20 processes, as well as the Millennium Development Goals and post-Millennium Development Goal processes. The group is expected to expand its member base to become a platform and have specific activities on the above-mentioned issues in the upcoming years.

13. World Russian People's Council

Special, 2005

Introduction

The World Russian People's Council is a cultural, educational and charitable social organization, as well as a major forum of the Russian people functioning since 1993. The Council's yearly meetings are attended by representatives of the government, social organizations, the clergy of Russia's traditional religions, leading figures in scientific and cultural life, delegates from Russian-speaking communities of the diaspora, and representatives of youth and women's organizations. The Head of this Council is the Most Holy Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Kirill.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aims: supporting the spiritual, cultural, social and economic revival of Russia; supporting the cooperation of the Orthodox Church with other traditional religions in the interests of the moral healing of society, as well as the elimination of religious extremism and intolerance. Purposes: uniting constructive forces to resolve problems in the realm of spiritual rebirth, culture, economics, ecology, preservation of the environment and natural resources, and social life; strengthening of friendly relations between national and ethnic groups, overcoming inter-ethnic dissension and separatism; fighting against international terrorism; defending the rights and interests of Russians living outside the borders of the Russian Federation; collection, study and dissemination of information on every aspect of the life of Russians in the world; supporting the development of friendly relations between the peoples of Russia and other countries with the goal of a world free of coercion; and supporting an interfaith, intercivilization, and intercultural dialogue.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2010:

- Regular session of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations, of the Economic and Social Council, January, 31, New York;
- Plenary meeting of the Third Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session with members of the delegation of the Russian Federation delegation, 11 November.

2011:

- Meeting between the Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate with the Under Secretary-General for Public Information at United Nations Headquarters in New York, 7 February;
- Meeting on the theme "Peace and dialogue between cultures" hosted by UNESCO at United Nations Headquarters, New York, 11 March;
- Working Group on Ageing, 20 April;
- Special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly dedicated to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl accident, attended by the Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, 26 April;
- Resumed session of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council, 19 and 20 May.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council participates in meetings and events of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and UNESCO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. World Trade Centers Association

Special, 1977

Introduction

The World Trade Centers Association is a member association dedicated to the establishment and effective operation of World Trade Centers as instruments for the expansion of trade. The Association represents more than 320 members in nearly 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Association is to stimulate trade and investment opportunities by helping businesses and economic development and government agencies connect globally. Many members of the Association are in developing countries, supporting their local business communities by forging trade relationships abroad through the Association's programme of reciprocal member cooperation.

The Association operates as a non-profit, non-political global organization that: is open, non-discriminatory and multicultural; is committed to enhancing opportunities for its members and the businesses they serve; and promotes expanding trade and economic prosperity as the single most effective means to achieving peace and stability.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association recruited new members in China (16), India (4), Latin America (18), and Africa (5).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in numerous United Nations conferences and events in Europe and Africa, and individual world trade centres hosted events promoting peace and trade, some featuring prominent United Nations officials. For example:

- The world trade centre in Washington, D.C., hosted a reception in June 2011 on the theme "Africa: 53 countries, one union — new challenges", which was attended by Under-Secretary-General Susana Malcorra and Executive Secretary Abdoulie Janneh of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). In July 2010, Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus from Grameen Bank addressed a gathering at the world trade centre in Washington, D.C., for a discussion on the theme "Building social business: the new kind of capitalism that serves humanity's most pressing needs." In April 2009, the world trade centre in Washington, D.C., hosted a public forum featuring 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, who discussed the theme "The challenge for Africa."

- The world trade centre in Mumbai, India, organized the Indiallia 2012 international business forum, at which Mr. Sean Purcell, Chief of the Field Procurement Service of the Procurement Division Department of Field Support of the United Nations Secretariat, provided information on how to find business opportunities through United Nations agencies. The world trade centre in Mumbai commemorated the theme "Peace and prosperity through trade" at a World Trade Centers Association Day reception on 24 June 2010 attended by nearly 200 diplomats, trade promotion and media representatives. At an October 2009 event at the world trade center in Mumbai, Dr. Narendra Jadhav, of India's Planning Commission, delivered the first memorial lecture on the theme "Peace and stability through world trade."

- President of the world trade center in Montevideo, Nelson Pilosof, visited Caracas in June 2009 to deliver presentations on the themes "Peace and fraternal life in modern society" at Andres Bello University, and on "Technology and values in globalization" at Simón Bolivar University.

- The world trade center in San Diego, California, hosted a free public commemoration of the events of 11 September 2001 on 8 September 2011 on the theme "Peace, prosperity and diversity through trade", featuring more than 80 local company exhibits on global trade.

- The world trade center in Oslo was a supporting partner of the Third Annual Summit on Peace through Trade in May 2009 and October 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in numerous meetings with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva:

Consultations with the President of the Trade and Development Board, 26 February 2009.

- UNCTAD Secretary-General's Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Trade and Development, 8 April 2009.
- UNCTAD Public Symposium, Geneva, 18 May 2009.
- Trade and Development Board, forty-seventh Executive Session: High-level Segment on Africa, 30 June 2009.
- Economic and Social Council High-level Segment: High-level Policy Dialogue with International Financial and Trade Institutions, 6 July 2009.
- Trade and Development Board, fifty-sixth session- Opening Plenary, 14 September 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association maintained relations with the Director General and was invited to regularly meet and address participants of various conferences, particularly on the development of new knowledge-based economies and trade in twenty-first century. The Association maintained contact with the Economic Commission for Europe on infrastructure services issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association contributed to Goal 8, global partnership for development, by engaging a former Colombian trade minister as its newly created Latin American Coordinator to expand the world trade centre network and connect developing economies with trade opportunities.

In support of Goal 1, to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, the world trade center in Istanbul, Turkey, contributed $140,000 to help those suffering from famine in Somalia and called on all world trade centres to contribute to this cause.

The Association contributed to Goal 7, to ensure environmental sustainability, by encouraging members to construct sustainable complexes.

15. Zonta International

General, 1969

Introduction

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International has 30,000 members in 1,200 Zonta clubs in 65 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Zonta International: seeks to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy; works for the advancement of understanding,

goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions; promotes justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and unites internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programmes, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Zonta International is an active leader in NGO activities to support the goals of the United Nations and acts as the treasurer of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and Treasurer of the NGO Committee on UNICEF. Zonta also attends meetings of the NGO Committee on Trafficking and the NGO Committee on Human Rights. Additional foci include narcotic drugs, ageing, and working with the Working Group on Girls. Zonta also attends meetings of UN-Women and facilitates panel events at regular meetings of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Zonta International attends weekly briefing meetings and annual Department of Public Information/NGO conferences, preparing reports on those meetings for dissemination to its members.

Zonta International has official representatives to the United Nations in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Paris who actively participate in the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations and the NGO Committees on the Status of Women in each location. Representatives of Zonta International regularly attend sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Human Rights Council, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Economic and Social Council and UNESCO. Special attention is given to women's issues in the Third Committee of the General Assembly and all sessions of the General Assembly. Statements are made to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Zonta supported and implemented several projects with United Nations bodies, including the following:

- a project with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to eliminate obstetric fistula and reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in Liberia, 2008-present;
- a project with UNICEF to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and to prevent gender-based violence in Rwanda, 2008-present;
- a project with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, now UN-Women), to make cities safer for women in El Salvador and Guatemala, 2008-2012;

- a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to support a community-based centre for housing and rehabilitation of women victims of violence in the Syrian Arab Republic, 2008-2010;

- a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to combat physical violence against women and support the implementation of anti-discriminatory laws and policies in Egypt, 2008-2010;

- a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to end violence against women through community action in Cambodia, 2008-2010;

- a project with UN-Women to ensure a gender-responsive humanitarian and early recovery response after the earthquake in Haiti, 2010-2012;

- a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to support a comprehensive strategy to end violence against women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda, 2010-2012; a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to use mass media education strategies to raise community awareness of violence against women and challenge existing cultural norms and attitudes that condone and endorse violence against women in 11 countries throughout Africa and Asia, 2012-present; a project with the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women to empower communities in rural Samoa to prevent and combat violence against women, 2012-present; and

- a project with UN-Women to strengthen the rights, citizenship and participation of women in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in order to reduce public and private violence against women, 2012-present.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Zonta International's global service and advocacy efforts contribute to Millennium Development Goals 1, 3, 5 and 6. Since 2008, Zonta International has supported the efforts of UNICEF to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Rwanda, thus contributing to Millennium Development Goal 6. As a result, Rwanda is on track to achieve its first HIV-free generation by 2015. Support for this project also improves maternal health and reduces child mortality, thereby contributing to Millennium Development Goals 5 and 4, respectively.

Since 2008, Zonta International has supported UNFPA and the Global Campaign to End Fistula in Liberia, seeking to improve maternal health (Millennium Development Goal 5) and prevent obstetric fistula, treat women suffering from fistula, and reintegrate them back into their communities. This project also empowers women economically by teaching them livelihood skills to help them become financially independent.

Zonta International funds educational scholarships and awards that promote gender equality in aerospace-related sciences and engineering, business and public affairs, thereby contributing to Millennium Development Goal 3.

At the local and global levels, Zonta's 30,000 members advocate for laws and policies that promote gender equality and empower women in all facets of life.

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1. Alulbayt Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Alulbayt Foundation is the London office of the international centres of the grand Ayatollah Sistani. Founded in 1991, the organization is registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with the charity commission of England and Wales.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to strengthen the ties between the diverse cultures of the Islamic community and implement programmes to instil greater civic collaborations, women's oversight committees, localized community activities and initiatives with other regional centres, public offices, ministerial organizations and third-sector instruments. It also works to enhance relationships with local State enforcement authorities, medical foundations and science agencies to establish better working practices within its focused regions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

Additional information

The organization participated in efforts to conserve and preserve manuscripts, as well as artistic theatre productions, cultural discussion groups, remembrance events and therapeutic and counselling workshops, and called for diplomacy in solving regional conflicts.

2. European Federation of Older Students at Universities

Special, 1996

Introduction

European Federation of Older Students at Universities encourages university training and study for elderly people alongside the younger generation, thus allowing them to tolerate, know and understand each other and ensure access to university for suitably qualified elderly people when their professional life is over. It has its head office in Vienna.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization publicizes training problems through participation in scientific discussions and the development of older persons' intellectual productivity, to improve their ability to self-help in old age, their independence and quality of life. It also assists in setting up programmes for continuing education and develops new concepts and models for the structure and function of these systems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the NGO Committee on Ageing. It distributed recommendations of the Madrid International Action Plan on Ageing to all of its members and participated in efforts to fulfil the aims of the International Action Plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Human Rights Information and Training Center

Special, 2004

Introduction

Human Rights Information and Training Center was established in November 1995 as a non-governmental organization (NGO) recognized by Yemen. It is a non-profit organization working at the local and regional levels. Its vision is a society where principles and values of human rights prevail and which allows for

the effective participation of civil society in the making of changes in Yemen and in the Arab Region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's overall objective is to disseminate awareness of human rights, promote and defend concepts of human rights, provide knowledge and information services related to these concepts and provide training for human rights activists. It is an educational and voluntary organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the preparation of reports of parallel governments in the Arab region with regard to violations of human rights. It also attended many of the activities carried out by Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Yemen. It actively carried out activities on the occasion of Human Rights Day, 10 December, from 2008 to 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Fifty-sixth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 17 January to 7 February 2011
- Forty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in Geneva from 17 January to 4 February 2011
- Tenth session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 24 January to 4 February 2011
- Fifteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, on the situation of human rights in Libya, held in Geneva on 25 February 2011
- Sixteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011
- Fifth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in Geneva from 11 to 15 April 2011
- Sixteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, held in Geneva on 29 April 2011
- Forty-sixth session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 9 May to 3 June 2011
- Eleventh session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Forty-sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held in Geneva from 2 to 20 May 2011

- Pre-sessional working group ahead of the fifty-seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 7 to 11 February 2011
- Seventeenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011
- Fifty-seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011
- Fifty-eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 19 September to 7 October 2011
- Eighteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 12 to 30 September 2011
- Twelfth session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 3 to 14 October 2011
- Fiftieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in Geneva from 3 to 21 October 2011
- Pre-sessional working group ahead of the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 10 to 14 October 2011
- 103rd session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva, from 17 October to 4 November 2011
- Forty-seventh session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 31 October to 25 November 2011
- First session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, held in Geneva on 31 May 2011
- Forty-seventh session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held in Geneva from 14 November to 2 December 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regional office in Yemen with its programme of managing good governance in Arab countries. Safe spaces for childhood programmes were implemented with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in conflicts zones in Yemen. The NGO contributed to the mission of OHCHR on the assessment of human rights situations in Yemen in 2011. The NGO had joint coordination and cooperation with OHCHR in Geneva, as well as its offices of Beirut and Doha, to provide assistance for the achievement of common humanitarian goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has accomplished activities corresponding with the MDGs:

- Built a coalition of Yemeni NGOs to combat poverty
- Contributed to the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia Millennium Development Goals handbook for parliamentarians

- Contributed to the Social Watch report on the Millennium Development Goals in the Arab region in 2010 and 2011

Additional information

The organization has established a regional network for human rights activists in the Gulf States and the Arabian Peninsula (Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Oman). It is a regional network that enhances the role of activists and civil society in these countries. The organization has enlarged its scope of work in the Middle East and expanded its relations with other NGOs. It is also an observer at the Arab League.

4. Links Incorporated

Special, 2004

Introduction

Links Incorporated is a national women's service organization of over 11,000 women with 275 chapters located in 41 States, including the United States of America, the Bahamas, Germany and South Africa. Its headquarters is in Washington, D.C.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Transformation programmes and impacting lives are the focus of Links Incorporated as it advances and celebrates community service engagement. Links Incorporated develops and provides relevant programmes for community enhancement. It is structured and administered through facets of services to youth, education, health, national trends and services, the arts and international trends and services, which include NGO representatives to the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The focus of the organization during the reporting period was to provide health and educational supplies to Liberia, Ghana and Haiti. It sponsored four schools in Liberia. The NGO also commemorated World Health Day on 7 April.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

To improve maternal health, Links Incorporated built three maternal waiting homes in Liberia in collaboration with the developmental organization Africare to provide clean and safe birth deliveries. Awareness of key issues surrounding safe motherhood was promoted in the United States and internationally. Link Chapters also provided over 5,000 survival kits to women in Haiti.

5. Mahila Dakshata Samiti

Special, 1996

Introduction

Mahila Dakshata Samiti was established in January 1977 to be a driving force for women's empowerment and struggle for equality. It is committed to the cause of women and children, primarily, and the underprivileged and disenfranchised in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to help women in distress and to raise their self-esteem through a four-pronged approach that includes health, education, equality and empowerment, thereby enabling them to lead a life of dignity. The organization's objectives are carried out through the following:

- Provide counselling services to women and families
- Provide free temporary shelter at the Snehalaya short-stay home
- Provide free legal aid for the poor
- Provide education and nutrition for the children of underprivileged section of society
- Increase adult literacy through its centres
- Provide rural and urban health care for the poor
- Empower women at the political, economic, social and cultural levels
- Organize seminars and workshops on issues related to women, children and consumers, and in the education and medical areas
- Increase awareness among women about their rights and other issues
- Eradicate the dowry system that is deeply rooted in society

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The NGO organized parallel events at the NGO Forum during sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008
- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009
- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The NGO worked with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), UNDP and the United Nations Population Fund offices in South Asia at the country level on various issues, such as commemorating the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The NGO organized events every alternative year with UN-Women on engendering planning process, gender budgeting and gender auditing.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The NGO organized consultations on the gender dimensions of the Millennium Development Goals. The organization held various seminars, workshops and meetings on relevant issues concerning women, children, senior citizens, health and the environment and planned activities to commemorate International Women's Day on 8 March.

6. Mountain Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

Mountain Institute is an international NGO dedicated to advancing mountain sustainable development globally with projects in Appalachia in the western United States, in the Andes, the Hindu Kush-Himalaya mountains and other ranges, through its offices in Washington, D.C., Lima and Kathmandu.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute works in mountainous regions with local communities, civil society organizations and governments to conserve the environment, sustain ecological services, protect cultures and improve the livelihoods of communities, with attention to gender, indigenous peoples and disadvantaged groups. Aims are accomplished through building capacity, applied research, livelihoods assistance and policy support, planning and strengthening governance.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations through:

(a) Improving natural resource management to benefit poor mountain communities while addressing gender equity. Associated work included food delivery to over 200,000 people in remote areas of Nepal;

(b) Reducing risks from natural hazards in mountain regions through science, community consultation and mitigation measures;

(c) Bolstering climate change adaptation and resilience in mountain regions through science, traditional knowledge, community consultation, capacity-building and improved governance and planning;

(d) Conserving mountain biological and cultural diversity and heritage, through improved protected area management, restoration and sustainable enterprise;

(e) Advancing secondary and tertiary environmental education for mountain communities;

(f) Communicating importance of mountains for global sustainability to target audiences.

The NGO also commemorated International Mountain Day on 11 December.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a side event on 4 December 2011 at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a member of the Mountain Partnership, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Its representatives contributed to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The Future We Want", particularly paragraphs 210, 211 and 212. Contributions included co-authoring or assisting in the development of the source document "Why mountains matter for North America", policy report, as part of the Mountain Partnership

The organization partnered with the World Food Programme (WFP), starting in 2008, to distribute 5,000 tons of rice to isolated communities in western Nepal to feed more than 200,000 people. It also drafted a proposal for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage Programme to create the Suleiman Too Mountain world heritage site in Kyrgyzstan in 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's contributions to Goal 1 included working with 10,000 poor farmers in Nepal to double household income through cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. The NGO distributed 5,000 tons of rice between 2008 and 201! to reduce hunger for 200,000 people.

Its contributions to Goal 7 included strengthening national protected area management, as well as municipal reserves, in the Cordillera Blanca region of Peru and around Mount Everest in Nepal. Also, in Nepal, the NGO worked with 80 forest user groups on more than 190,000 hectares of national and community forest lands, reducing forest and biodiversity loss and securing mountain water resources.

The organization's activities also supported the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

Additional information

The organization is taking an increasingly proactive and supporting role in the overall sustainable mountain agenda through the Mountain Partnership.

7. Nigeria-Togo Association

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Nigeria-Togo Association is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization, established to meet the socioeconomic and cultural aspirations of the peoples of the West African subregion.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization include promoting peace between our peoples; striving for humanity's well-being; eradicating poverty; combating trafficking in persons; promoting economic and cultural relations among the countries of the subregion; and informing our peoples about United Nations activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Organizing seminars and workshops on United Nations activities; raising awareness among the peoples of the subregion of United Nations publications on issues related to trafficking in persons, poverty eradication and the economic empowerment of peoples; combating HIV/AIIDS, eradicating endemic diseases, and education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the seventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 21 April to 2 May 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has working agreements with the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Nigeria, allowing organization members to study the Centre's documents and inform themselves about current developments at United Nations Headquarters and in United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

Additional information

With regard to training, the organization has established an information technology training centre for unemployed young graduates to help them to use a computer. By taking the three-month practical courses these young people can receive a loan under the poverty eradication programme launched by the Government of Nigeria.

8. Non-Governmental Organizations Coordinating Committee

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Non-Governmental Organizations Coordinating Council is an umbrella organization with 105 member organizations all over Zambia dedicated to advancing the status of women. Against this background, the organization upholds its vision of a society where women fully participate and benefit from social, cultural, economic and political development. Its mission is to champion women's empowerment and gender equality and equity through coordinated institutional and capacity development to members, advocacy and linkages with government, local and international partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to coordinating and strengthening its members to enhance their effectiveness in empowering women as well as developing cooperation with like-minded organizations at the national, regional and international levels. Its objective also is to generate, collect and disseminate information which will encourage and facilitate members in their efforts for women's empowerment. NGOCC has a strong commitment to organizational values of teamwork, integrity, professionalism, commitment, transparency and accountability, equity and equality and activism.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization operates within the principles of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Zambia national gender policy. Within the 12 critical areas articulated in this document, Zambia has prioritized women and poverty; women's and girls' education and training; women's participation in decision-making; women and health; women and water and sanitation; women and labour, employment and social security; women and land; and women and agriculture.

In line with ending gender-based violence, the organization has contributed to the country having specific legislation addressing gender-based violence through the Namibia anti-gender-based violence act of 2011, after years of concerted lobbying and advocacy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has continued to participate in various United Nations processes, such as the Commission on the Status of Women; preparation and submission of human rights shadow reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; contribution to various Zambia country reports on the Millennium Development Goals and universal periodic review on human rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has continuously engaged with the processes of the United Nations country team in Zambia through planning platforms, including by sharing various presentations from a gender perspective. It is a steering committee member of the Zambia gender implementation programme with the support of UNDP.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For Goal 1, the organization has been providing economic empowerment capacity enhancement to its members. In this regard, member organizations have given loans to women for them to establish businesses in order to supplement their family incomes and subsequently contribute to women's social empowerment.

For Goal 3, the organization and its member organizations have continued to advocate that women should be proportionally represented. Zambia's constitution and other legal reforms provide an opportunity to be harnessed and made use of with regards to women's participation in decision-making.

For Goals 4 and 5, the organization helped member organizations to access grants to facilitate the development of projects on maternal health, to reduce Zambia's maternal mortality rate of 591 out of 100,000 live births, and its infant mortality rate of 70 per 1,000 live births.

9. One World Trust

Special, 2004

Introduction

Founded in 1951 as a registered charity in the United Kingdom, the One World Trust promotes education and research into changes required in global governance to achieve eradication of poverty, injustice, environmental degradation and war. The organization develops recommendations on practical ways to make powerful organizations more accountable to the people they affect now and in the future, and how the rule of law can be applied to all. Key targets for the dissemination of the findings of the Trust's research are political leaders, decision-makers and opinion-formers at the global and national levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of One World Trust is of a world where all people are able to live in sustainable peace and security and have equal access to opportunity and participation. The Trust pursues its aims primarily by means of research and advocacy in three main areas: the accountability of global organizations; the engagement of citizens in political processes; and international law and regulation. The organization publishes every year a global accountability report, an annual review of the capabilities of global organizations from the intergovernmental, non-governmental and corporate sectors to be accountable to their stakeholders. In addition, the Trust publishes briefing papers on issues of international peace and security governance, such as international peacekeeping and the responsibility to protect, as well as additional reports and documents on citizens' access to global decision-making and policy processes, such as through parliamentary oversight of foreign policy and United Nations reform.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the One World Trust's global accountability reports assessed the accountability and governance practices of the world's most important international organizations, including a number of United Nations bodies. In 2008, UNICEF and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) were included in the Trust's assessments, highlighting their comparative strong performance but also noting areas where improvements were needed, and thus how the United Nations could strengthen their accountability to their stakeholders. In 2011, the global accountability framework was revised and used to assess the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of a wider project on global climate governance. In all cases, the assessments included document reviews, in-depth interviews with staff and discussions of the findings prior to publication.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a briefing on investing in women and girls in observance of International Women's Day,

organized by the Office of the Special Adviser for Gender Issues of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Public Information, held in New York on 6 March 2008.

It also participated in the sixty-second Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, organized by the Department of Public Information, held in Mexico City from 9 to 11 September 2009.

The organization participated in an annual parliamentary hearing entitled "Towards economic recovery: rethinking development, retooling global governance", organized by the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in New York on 2 and 3 December 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As part of its global accountability reports, the One World Trust engaged in depth with UNICEF, UNHCR and WHO to better understand how they achieve accountability to their stakeholders. The findings of the assessments were discussed in depth with the respective organizations, which are able to benefit from the analysis and recommendations presented in our reports.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Recognized by the organizations the NGO interacts with as part of its work on the global accountability report, its work directly enhanced the capacity of global actors to deliver on the policy and resource commitments made in support of action to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, in particular in key areas of service delivery, such as access to health care (under Goals 4, 5 and 6), education (Goal 2) and to eliminate discrimination (Goal 3) and poverty (Goal 1).

10. Planetary Association for Clean Energy

Special, 2004

Introduction

The main course of action of the Planetary Association for Clean Energy is the maintenance of an international, interdisciplinary and collaborative network of advanced scientific thinking, by way of publishing, including via the Internet, conferences, presentations and workshops; and by peer review, evaluation, and verification initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to facilitate the discovery, research, development and demonstration of clean energy systems; provide oversight to the planning, coordination and implementation of clean energy systems at the global, regional and local levels; and serve as monitor of unclean energy systems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main focus of the organization has been with OHCHR and the Human Rights Council with regard to environmental rights, water and sanitation, toxic waste, cultural rights and human rights related to business. Throughout the reporting period the main representative in Geneva, as Chair of NGO Committee on the Environment and NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, held 16 meetings annually to discuss with other NGOs in consultative status how civil society organizations can contribute to the debate on the environment, as well as that of cultural values and ethics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, representatives of the organization participated in the seventh to the eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council; briefings to civil society organizations by OHCHR, the President of the Human Rights Council and the NGO Liaison Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva; and consultations with special procedures mandate holders.

In 2009, the organization was co-signatory to written statement A/HRC/10/NGO/112 on human rights education, submitted in Geneva on 27 February.

In 2010, it organized a side event on the margins of the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council, on cultural and ethical perspectives related to climate change, held in Geneva on 31 May.

The organization's actions in 2011 included:

(a) Participation in a side event on the margins of the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, with the collaboration the OHCHR Independent Expert in the field of cultural rights, on access to and enjoyment of cultural heritage, held in Geneva on 1 June;

(b) On the panel of a side event on the margins of the same session, on the effects of nuclear energy on the environment and the human right to peace, held in Geneva on 9 June;

(c) A round-table discussion between NGOs and civil-society organizations on the Advisory Committee progress report on the right of peoples to peace, held in Geneva on 15 June;

(d) Presentation of a written statement at the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 July;

(e) Organization of a side event on the margins of the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, on water and development from a human-rights perspective, held in Geneva on 14 September;

(f) Organization of another side event on the margins of the same session, on human rights and international solidarity, including a dialogue with a United Nations independent expert, held in Geneva in September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

Special, 2000

Introduction

The main aim of the World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education is to motivate member associations and adherent Associations of Former Students of Catholic Education to participate in programmes of multicultural and plural-religious human values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the NGO is to promote solidarity through education and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To accomplish the Millennium Development Goals, the organization promoted side events at the local, national regional and global levels, including oral presentations and debates. The NGO organized and participated in congresses, seminars, conferences on the themes of the Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization provided a leadership course for former students in Latin America on motivation for co-responsibility in social policy, held in Buenos Aires in 2011. It organized sessions on raising awareness about problems of human society and conservation of nature and education for sustainable development for 185 participants from 21 nations, at the organization's world congress, held in Panama from 29 to 31 August, 2011. It also organized sessions of the European congress of former students on such themes as "Presence and ethics commitment in a multicultural and pluri-religious society" and "The value of life in a Europe of ambiguities".

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1. Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (the Global Network) is the only global network working with all people living with HIV through independent and autonomous regional and national networks of such people on all continents, as well as other networks that include these people, such as key populations and treatment access networks.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the organization is to increase the meaningful involvement of people living with HIV to achieve three strategic objectives: global advocacy, global knowledge management and global community development. The aim is to engage in evidence-based advocacy to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV.

Significant changes in the organization

The strategic plan for 2011-2015 adopted by the Global Network resulted in the reorganization of its Board to include representatives from key populations and from partner organizations, in addition to its traditional regionally based representation. This will result in greater participation of a more diverse group of people living with HIV in the organization's governance and programming.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Global Network has recognized the importance of working with United Nations agencies at the global level to ensure that the experiences of people living with HIV are incorporated into programmes and policies. It has provided in-kind technical support to United Nations bodies through its support of people living with HIV who participate in technical consultations. It has also collaborated with agencies to develop guidance for HIV treatment, prevention, care and support.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Global Network attended the General Assembly high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS (New York, 8-10 June 2011), where it sent a delegation that interacted with Member States and the non-governmental organization (NGO) sector in unofficial side meetings. Additionally, it provided a panellist for the panel on human rights and key populations. It also participated in the four years covered by the present report as an observer in the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- UNAIDS: "Positive health dignity and prevention": (a) technical consultation: 27-28 April 2009, Hammamet, Tunisia; (b) technical consultation report: September 2009; policy framework: published in November 2011; operational guidelines: developed in 2012, published in 2013; "People living with HIV stigma index": the Global Network and UNAIDS form part of the international

partnership that coordinates this index. In 2012, they jointly recruited an international coordinator.

- The World Health Organization (WHO): the Global Network has been in "official relations" with WHO since 2010, a status that was confirmed through a standard evaluation in 2012. The Global Network participated in an advisory committee of the WHO HIV Department as an observer. It was contracted to consult with populations of people living with HIV in 2010 and 2012 in the preparation of guidelines for antiretroviral treatment. It provided in-kind technical support throughout the quadrennium in meetings regarding various aspects of HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA): the Global Network was a member of the inter-agency task team on linking HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health and rights. It was contracted by UNFPA to support people living with HIV and by the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS to participate in international forums.

- International Labour Organization: the Global Network participated in the inter-agency task team on HIV workplace policies and programmes and private sector engagement, as well as in the "Getting to zero at work" campaign.

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): the Global Network co-hosted a consultation on the educational needs of young people living with HIV in Paris, in December 2010. It also produced a joint publication entitled "Positive learning: meeting the needs of young people living with HIV (YPLHIV) in the education sector" in 2012.

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): the Global Network co-organized the second global consultation on service provision for adolescents living with HIV (24-28 May 2010). It is a member of the inter-agency task team on HIV and young people and chaired its steering committee in 2010 and 2011). It was involved in the UNICEF global prevention strategic planning in 2011.

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): the Global Network served as a member of the technical advisory group of the Global commission on HIV and the law (2010-2012).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the Global Network are exclusively centred on HIV and related issues. The organization approaches its work on HIV in a multisectoral manner, addressing many of the Millennium Development Goals. It facilitates the participation of people living with HIV in the HIV/AIDS response by addressing Goal 6 of the Millennium Development Goals (Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases). Through positive health, dignity and prevention, the Global Network advocates for a holistic approach that includes reduction of poverty (Goal 1), equality for women living with HIV (Goal 3) and safe pregnancies with no new infected babies (Goals 4 and 5). The response to HIV/AIDS will be incomplete if it does not address most if not all of the Millennium Development Goals.

2. New Zealand Family Planning Association

Special, 2005

Introduction

New Zealand Family Planning Association is an NGO providing clinical, educational and policy services to achieve sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. It was founded in 1936.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is the only organization with a specific focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights in New Zealand. It promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights and enables people to enjoy respectful sexual relationships and create healthy families. Drawing upon its long history and strong reputation of technical expertise in clinical services and health promotion, the organization strives to advance the programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the Pacific Islands.

The Association's programme supports partner organizations in the Pacific to provide quality information and services to their communities. Through advocacy, it aims to create supportive environments, build effective policy and ensure adequate funding for sexual and reproductive health priorities. It undertakes quantitative and qualitative research in the region to build a strong evidence base for advocacy and programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

Family Planning International Programmes formerly operated as Family Planning International, with a separate brand, but this was discontinued to better reflect the unit's status as an integrated part of the Association.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Family Planning International Programmes was founded to advance internationally agreed development goals, particularly the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Millennium Development Goals. The Association has made contributions to the universal periodic review of New Zealand for the Human Rights Council and to reports submitted under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Commission on Population and Development, forty-third session, 12-16 April 2010, New York. Submission to the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, 2010, Wellington, highlighting the relevance of sexual and reproductive health and rights to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Commission on Population and Development, forty-fourth session, 11-15 April 2011, New York. Commission on Population and Development, forty-fifth session, 23-27 April 2012, New York. Attended as a member of the delegation of New Zealand.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association works with UNFPA in a variety of ways. Every year, it receives a small grant to work on raising awareness in New Zealand about population and development issues and to provide Secretariat support for the New Zealand Parliamentarians' Group on Population and Development. It regularly participates in regional meetings sponsored by UNFPA and the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Family Planning International Programmes exists to advance internationally agreed development goals, particularly the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Millennium Development Goals and other relevant agreements. The Association carries out advocacy and projects in support of partner organizations, primarily in the Pacific, to provide quality information and services to their communities. Advocacy creates supportive environments, builds effective public policy and ensures adequate funding for population and development issues, in particular sexual and reproductive health, in international development activities. It also conducts research to inform policymaking, most recently carrying out cost-benefit analyses of investing in family-planning services.

In practice, the Association has implemented programmes in Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. It informs and motivates New Zealand parliamentarians to take action to improve the prioritization of population and development in New Zealand's official development assistance. It works with policymakers and programmers to ensure attention in their work to population and development. It produces resources and information to inform the general public of New Zealand, media, parliamentarians, policymakers and programmers about how sexual and reproductive health, and population and development are vital in achieving internationally agreed development goals.

3. Peace Child International

Special, 1997

Introduction

Peace Child International is one of the largest networks of youth-led organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. It has operated in over 180 countries around the world since 1980. In each, it aims to get Governments to recognize the immense contribution that young people can make to assist them in achieving their wider goals of sustainable development, education for all, human rights, health, development of the entrepreneurial spirit and self-employment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of Peace Child International is to empower young people by encouraging them and their elders to operate "co-managed" institutions and projects as "equal partners", taking shared responsibility for the results. The organization's main activities focus on the issues that young people are most concerned about. During the 2009-2012 period, this was youth unemployment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- 2009: Advocacy training to prepare young people to take part in the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen and produce the organization's first youth advocacy handbook. Youth advocates from across Europe met to share their experiences and frustrations with youth advocacy, visiting various climate lobbying groups, such as Stop Climate Chaos. The high and low points of the training was the fifteenth session in Copenhagen when the advocates of Peace Child International sought serious commitments on climate change from the Member States only to see it all end in catastrophe. The organization also set up and managed the Department for International Development of the Youth Working Group, a civil society organization of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to expand the department's interventions with regard to the Millennium Development Goals that relate to the concerns of young people.
- 2010: Fifth World Youth Congress, Istanbul, Turkey: 1,200 youths from 154 countries met to assess progress on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and develop youth-led monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, a process guided by the World Bank. Peace Child International also produced "Peace Child Alpha Omega", a cultural peacebuilding musical that tells a story of Muslim, Christian, Jewish and atheist youths who explore the common ground in their views on life, death and the pursuit of happiness. Three versions of the story were performed, in Ely Cathedral in the United Kingdom; in the Russian Theatre in Tallinn; and at the World Youth Congress in Istanbul.
- 2011: Preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: Peace Child International created and contributed to 40 youth preparatory committees in 38 countries, which contributed in turn to over 120 pages of suggestions to the outcome document "The future we want". It brought together representatives of all preparatory committees to the United Nations to present their shared wishes for the Conference outcomes to the then Deputy Secretary-General, Asha-Rose Migiro, and to the Executive Coordinator of the Conference, Elizabeth Thompson. The organization also created a second edition of the its advocacy handbook, drawing on the results of the Internet advocacy in relation to the Conference.
- 2012: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: Delegates from 120 countries agreed on 20 solutions to the challenge of sustainability

and, echoing Martin Luther's action of 1517, nailed them to the gates of Rio Centro, hoping to start a twenty-first century reformation of sustainability policies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Meetings of preparatory committees and of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: Peace Child International accredited over 350 youths to the Conference only to see 320 of them walk out in disgust at the Member States' failure to make any advances on the 1992 commitments.
- The organization assisted in the London Youth's input session to the Secretary-General's high-level panel on the post-2015 development agenda, where it impressed the panel members with its strategy for the creation of a green economy.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Peace Child International cooperated with:

- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization on a youth employment creation programme in West Africa
- UNESCO on an interactive edition of the Peace Child Musical at their World Youth Forum — 2011, and a youth edition of the 2012 Education for All Monitoring Report
- The United Nations Environment Programme, UNDP and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to help launch the United Nations Habitat youth programme
- The United Nations to create a launch event in Istanbul for the International Year of Youth. Peace Child International also attended the related meeting of the General Assembly in July 2011

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of Peace Child International contributes to the Millennium Development Goals, but its mission to empower young people was compromised by the Millennium Development Goals campaign manager telling young members of the organization that their only role should be to lobby their Governments to do things, not do things themselves. This deeply disempowering message effectively ended the organization's direct participation in the campaign on the Millennium Development Goals.

4. Servitas Cameroon

Special, 2009

Introduction

Servitas Cameroon, also known as Servitas, is represented in eight African countries through intermediary organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of Servitas are to encourage the participation of women in governance at all levels; to ensure that women have the same opportunities as men to participate in all areas of activity; to facilitate the integration of underprivileged groups in the restructuring of society; to promote respect for human rights and the defence of victims and the oppressed; and to encourage women to advocate the protection of the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

Servitas has been the focal point of the Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) campaign for francophone African countries since April 2009. This has allowed involvement has allowed Servitas to expand this important campaign through its network to eight African countries in addition to Cameroon: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Niger and Senegal. This expansion allowed the Servitas general assembly to make Servitas a subregional organization at its last session in December 2012, a decision which officially took effect during the preparatory meeting for the presentation of the work of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009:

- Servitas conducted a mapping exercise to gauge the knowledge of Cameroonian national women's organizations of the work of the United Nations on women's issues and the ongoing GEAR campaign, through four information and exchange workshops (two in urban areas and two in rural areas);
- With the support of African women's associations, Servitas conducted an awareness-raising and advocacy campaign targeting the Governments of 10 francophone African countries regarding the need for reform which resulted in the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). To commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the ratification by Cameroon of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Servitas organized a seminar/workshop in Douala in conjunction with two women's associations and with the support of the Douala 1er delegation of the Ministry for the Advancement of Women and the Family.

In 2010:

- Servitas organized information sessions on the Commission on the Status of Women in preparation for the Commission's fifty-fourth session through two meetings, one in an urban area (Yaoundé) and one in a rural area (Edéa). It continued to advocate the establishment of a new United Nations entity for women through various national, subregional and international meetings. To mark the African Women's Decade, it organized a national meeting on gender-based violence and observed African Women's Day in Douala on 31 July. It conducted an activity in a rural area (Bangoulap) on capacity-building for to become involved in their village community so that their concerns could be better addressed.

In 2011:

- Servitas organized two meetings, one in Loum and one in Limbe, to raise the awareness of grassroots women's associations of the objectives and importance of the consultations conducted by UN-Women for the production of its strategic plan. Those meetings allowed Servitas to gather information which it reported to UN-Women in 2011 and 2012 through various meetings of the GEAR campaign in New York and one meeting with the Executive Director of UN-Women, Michelle Bachelet. To mark the African Women's Decade, Servitas organized two educational talks in rural areas (Foutouni and Kribi) and a round table in an urban area (Douala) regarding the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol).

In 2012:

- In preparation for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Servitas organized three meetings in rural areas (Penja, Foumbot and Kékem). It actively contributed to the national training seminar on gender and democratic governance organized in Yaoundé by the Association of African Women for Research and Development. It co-organized an international conference on parity in Douala through the umbrella group Ensemble pour la Parité (Together for Parity), which advocates the institutionalization of parity in Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Our delegates participate regularly and actively in the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, including the following: the fifty-third session, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009; the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, held from 1 to 12 March 2010; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, held from 22 February to 4 March and 11 March 2011; and the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, held from 27 February to 15 March 2012. Servitas representatives have also served as panel members at several GEAR side events (in March 2010 and March 2011, on 28 June 2011 and in March 2012) and participated in meetings of the Socialist International Women, the African Women's Development and Communication Network and the Association of African Women for Research and Development in New York on 22, 24 and 28 February and 2 March 2011. Servitas participated as an observer in the UN-

Women Executive Board meeting, held in New York, on 24 January 2011 (see UN-Women: Vision and 100-day Action Plan: A Summary Briefing). It participated in the meetings organized by the Cameroon country office of UN-Women in collaboration with other United Nations agencies and the Cameroonian authorities and civil society, including the following:

(a) 7 June 2012, Yaoundé: workshop for the validation of the Strategic Plan for Gender and Elections in Cameroon (produced by Elections Cameroon, UNDP and UN-Women);

(b) 13 September 2012, Yaoundé: consultation meeting on the establishment by UN-Women of the Civil Society Advisory Group in Cameroon;

(c) 31 October 2012, Yaoundé: meeting of the Global Civil Society Advisory Group to address inequalities in the context of the post-2015 development agenda; and

(d) 5 and 6 November 2012, Nairobi: regional meeting of the ad hoc African civil society committee in preparation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Servitas was selected by UN-Women to be a member of the civil society advisory group for Cameroon. It is also a member of the ad hoc planning committee of African organizations constituted to facilitate the process of establishing a non-governmental organizations commission on the status of women for Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- On 15 October 2010, Servitas organized a seminar/workshop in a rural area in the western part of Cameroon on the usefulness of networking for women farmers. On that day, which was the International Day of Rural Women, 52 leaders of rural women's associations received training to strengthen their capacity to produce and sell food (Millennium Development Goal 1). On 15 October 2009, 15 October 2011 and 15 October 2012, Servitas members participated in the various official events organized by the authorities throughout the country (parades, exhibitions, round tables and cookery and food festivals). On 25 November 2010, 25 November 2011 and 25 November 2012, in conjunction with other local organizations, Servitas Cameroon observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women through various awareness-raising initiatives: a public demonstration and power walk involving more than 350 women, and an initiative involving the presence at 10 large churches in the 10 regions of Cameroon of 20 women wearing orange clothes (Goal 1). On World Water Day on 22 March 2012, Servitas organized an educational talk on the ways in which people, in particular housewives in four disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the city of Douala, the great majority of whom use rainwater and well water on a daily basis, could access safe drinking water (Goals 6 and 7). On 8 March, Servitas contributed to the activities organized by the Government of Cameroon to celebrate International Women's Day, its members being invited to contribute to conferences and round tables. It also participated in the side events and

activities organized in New York during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women on 4 March 2009, 3 March 2010, 25 February 2011 and 1 March 2012. In addition to those events, Servitas is constantly working to help achieve Millennium Development Goal 3, the promotion of gender equality, by raising the awareness of women, the authorities and political parties of the need for more women to stand as candidates and be elected in the municipal, legislative and senatorial elections planned for 2013 in Cameroon.

5. Unión de Asociaciones Familiares

Special, 2005

Introduction

Unión de Asociaciones Familiares is a non-profit organization that has been working for the promotion of the rights and welfare of families in Spain since 1988.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association defends the interests and rights of families, expressing their concerns to institutions and stimulating positive changes in family policies. As pioneer in family mediation, the organization offers services and training, and organizes a large variety of events to promote a better understanding of family diversity.

Significant changes in the organization

A new board was elected by the organization's general assembly on 18 June 2011. It has added some significant organizations to its network, such as the National Confederation of Deaf People and the Institute of Social Work and Social Services, and expects to add more members in future years.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's main contribution has been on female genital mutilation, in relation to which it organized the first conference on prevention and intervention, in 2012. This represented a milestone in Spain and included a presentation by the director of the UNDP team on gender equality. Unión de Asociaciones Familiares also organized a meeting with its members on exchange and collaboration with the United Nations. The organization is an active member of the World Family Organization, which acts as a link between the aspirations and achievements of families and the work done for them at the level of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, organized by UN-Women in 2010, which was dedicated to the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and contributed to discussions and exchange of ideas with other NGOs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Unión de Asociaciones Familiares has actively collaborated with UNDP, organizing a conference on female genital mutilation.
- It attended meetings of UN-Women in 2011 to contribute to the evaluation of actions.
- It also attended the presentation of the "2012 World Development Report on Gender Equality and Development" produced by the World Bank, in order to disseminate global information to its members.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1 (Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger): In the framework of the European Year of Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion, Unión de Asociaciones Familiares organized a conference on "Above all, they are girls and boys" in 2010, which addressed child poverty in Europe and strategies to fight it.
- Goal 2 (Achieve universal primary education): The organization actively participated in an expert group on early school leavers and early childhood education of the Confederation of Family Organizations in the European Union.
- Goal 3 (Promote gender equality and empower women): The organization was engaged in activities aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women as an essential requirement to improve the quality of life of all members of the family. It organized conferences on gender violence and on female genital mutilation and actively collaborated and participated in conferences on reconciliation, salary gap, sexual health, etc.
- Goal 5 (Improve maternal health): The organization developed a programme on sexual health for the immigrant population, funded by the Ministry of Employment and Social Security of Spain. This programme included training workshops for women on sexual health, reproduction, family planning, maternity, contraceptive methods, etc.
- Goal 6 (Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases): Through the programme mentioned above, the Unión de Asociaciones Familiares raised awareness on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and prevention in the immigrant population.
- Goal 7 (Ensure environmental sustainability): The organization played an active role in promoting this goal, presenting the "Verde te camino verde" programme as a best practice in the World Family Summit +8. This programme has raised awareness among a large number of citizens, especially the main social and political agents that may work as promoters of sustainable mobility in Spain.

6. WebForce International

Special, 2001

Introduction

WebForce International is a non-governmental organization founded in 1993 and governed by Swiss law, which was granted consultative status with the United Nations in 2001. It is a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and is specialized in information and communications technologies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 2003, WebForce International has been actively participating in both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society. Its ongoing mission is modelled on the work of ITU.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- World Consortium for the Equitable Development of Information and Communication Technologies (CODETIC) public points: provision of public access to information and communications technologies.
- WebForce local micro-operator points: development of economic micro-activities based on these technologies.
- WebForce emergency communication points: provision of access to communication networks in the event of emergencies or natural or humanitarian disasters, to supplement our engagement with ITU.
- Establishment of a virtual research centre.
- Establishment of a worldwide outsourced translation and interpretation centre.
- Provision of communication and telecommunication services to non-governmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises and industries, microenterprises, etc.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WebForce International participates in most meetings related to the information society, including those organized by ITU, UNESCO and UNDP.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WebForce International has presented 14 projects, several of which are detailed on its Internet sites.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WebForce International supports the Global Compact.

7. Women's International Democratic Federation

General. 1969

Introduction

Women's International Democratic Federation is an international organization of women founded in 1945 in France, after the Second World War, with the goals of fighting against all kinds of discrimination, for equality of rights and cooperation among peoples and nations for world peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation aggregates 209 national women's organizations from 103 countries in five continents to defend the rights of women as mothers, workers and citizens, the rights of children to life, welfare, education and health, as well as the equality of rights and women's access to work in all sectors with fair salaries, and to support the elimination of racial discrimination and all kinds of violence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2009 and 2012, the organization published three books. The first book, on seafaring women (January 2009), resulted in an international study on the situation of women working at sea and issues linked to motherhood.

The Federation published three more books in partnership with governmental authorities, Petrobras and a trade workers' union. These books focused on: a world panorama of women's insertion in the world of work; the perspective of the Federation's leaders, in 2010; female participation in the world of work, trends and prospects, in 2011; and women and the world of work, in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following sessions and conferences in the United States and Brazil:

2009:

- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters (New York, 2 and 3 March 2009). The Federation organized a parallel event on international cooperation among gender-related NGOs on 9 March 2009, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations.

2010:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission (New York, 1-12 March 2010. The Federation organized a parallel event on the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the economic crisis and women's access to work" on 10 March.

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, eleventh session of the Regional conference on women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, 13-16 July 2010).

2011:

- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission (New York, 22 February-4 March 2011). The Federation organized a parallel event on women and work: international cooperation as a factor of integration and peace, on 4 March.

2012:

- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission (New York, 27 February-9 March 2012).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of Angola, Mozambique, Cabo Verde, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Zimbabwe participated in the event entitled "SOS Africa" (São Paulo, Brazil, 30 November 2009) to encourage the participation of young women in society and help overcome social and economic inequalities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Federation contributed to Goals 1, 3 and 6 in Campinas, Brazil, by organizing an international seminar on the Women's International Democratic Federation and the United Nations conferences of 2010 on 1 December 2009. On 16 December 2010, the Federation organized an international seminar in Maputo on women, health and AIDS: challenges and achievements. Finally, it organized an international conference on trafficking in women on 3 February 2012 in Lisbon.